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REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office action of November 14, 2006, reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, amended as follows, is respectfully requested. (This reply is being filed on May 14, 2007 along with a petition for a three-month extension of time, and is therefore timely filed.)

AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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